

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State
State Clearinghouse
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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
P.O. Box 944209
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County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: H. McIntire

Project Title: Los Banos and North Grasslands Wildlife Areas Public Access Project, Project ID 2020159

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: APN: 070-202-012, 073-160-001, 454-030-003

Project Location - City: Los Banos

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project will pave the hunter access parking lot and resurface the Van Atta Trail to allow access for people with limited mobility. This trail is heavily used for student field trips from the Grasslands Environmental Education Center and by the general public. A newly installed pergola will provide shade to people on using the Van Atta Trail. The weathered educational kiosk will be replaced. A new sign announcing the auto route will be installed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: §15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities, §15302, Class 2 Replacement of Reconstruction, §15303, Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, and §15311, Class 11 Accessory Structures.
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The trail and parking lot updates are exempt because they consist of the repair of existing structures (§15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities). The educational kiosk is exempt because it consists of replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure (§15302, Class 2 Replacement and Reconstruction). Construction of the pergola is exempt because is consists of construction of a small structure (§15303, Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). The sign consists of construction of a minor structure accessory (§15311, Class 11 Accessory Structures).

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 445-0137

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes (by this notice) No

Signature: 

Date: 2/25/2021

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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